Ban on Guide-Books

†3995. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to burden of education on students a psychic-like disease is spreading;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to radical increase in guide-books and guess question papers, students are lagging behind in getting knowledge; and

(c) if so, what measures Government are taking to ban such books and to attract students towards getting the complete knowledge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA] : (a) to (c) Education is in the concurrent list and School Education is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, NCERT has recommended for reduction in the burden in the National Curriculum Framework for School Education published in November 2000. Central Board of Secondary Education neither prescribes nor publishes any guide-books and guess-papers.

Zero Development Science Authority

†3996. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government propose to establish a Zero Development Science Authority, as the right of using zero-based calculation method without using zero have been provided under the Copyright Act, 1999 through the Letter No. L-18402/99 dated the 24th June, 1999, so that world's precious heritage could be preserved; and

(b) If so, whether there is any proposal to include astrology and information technology under it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA] : (a) No, Sir. The Copyright Office undertakes registration of copyrights in accordance with Section 45 of

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